

# HEALTHCARE PLAY SPECIALIST EDUCATION TRUST

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Dear Students Mentors &Tutors

### COVID-19 – letter to students and mentors

In these unprecedented times of COVID-19, we are aware of the challenges that have been faced by education providers, student groups and the workforce. It is for these reasons that we are writing to you at this time, to provide clarity regarding the Foundation Degree in Healthcare Play Specialism.

As you will know, the Foundation Degree consists of two elements, the academic work and the practice hours, which are of equal importance. Both of the elements have to be fully completed before the Foundation Degree can be awarded. The successful completion of the academic and practice elements of the course leads to professional registration and listing on the Public Register.

Registration means that registrants have a responsibility to uphold public safety. HPS practice requires working closely and intimately, as part of a multi-professional team, with children and families when they are at their most vulnerable. It is our duty of care not to compromise the safety of children, families, our team members and the reputation of the profession.

In line with the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the British Medical Association and other health care students, for example Physios, OTs and others who are all working to rigorous requirements for completion of their professional qualifications, HPSET has agreed with the colleges and The University of West London the following:

- students completing year one of their course in June 2020 can carry their year one competencies and practice hours forward. These competencies and hours must be completed before you start year two competencies and hours. You will be given a new submission date to enable you to complete this element of the course.
- students in year two will have to complete their competencies and outstanding hours before their Foundation Degree can be awarded. This may mean that your completion date will be delayed.

HPSET will continue to work closely with college staff and the University of West London to support students.

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This has been a challenging time for everybody in the health services. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the student groups for their diligence and hard work and the mentors for the support they have given the students throughout their course, but in particular over these last few months.

Yours faithfully

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